(c) whether Government are aware that CRPF jeeps are being misused for Bringing the personal staff of high officials in the Home Ministry; and

(d) if so* what steps Government propose to take to effect economy in this regard?

THE •BEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE ^tSHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) Instructions have teen issued % the Government that eonsumptiBn of geirol and diesel ift Government vehicles including stair ears shtfuld be reduced by 20 pel eeUt cbmfiared to fee eehsbmiltibh during the' year *l$Bl&4o.*

(bl The Staff Car Rules which regulate the use of staff ears^ have the neeessary provisions to ensure use of official vehicles tor bonafide purpose. Instructions have recently been reiterated to take- suitable steps against misuse of Government vehicles/staff ears.

(e) No such instance has come to notice of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

(d) Does not arise.

Profits Earned by Nationalised Banks

1063. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the profit earned bv the nationalised banks in the last financial year; and

lb) what steps are being taken to improve the performance of these banks?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The published profits of 19 out Of the 20 nationalised banks: who have finalised their accounts for the year 1989-90, aggregate to Rs; 239.73 crdres,

(b) Government and the Reserve B^fik of India (ftfcl) have taken 439' R.S.—6 series of measures tb imprdve the per-forthiince and prbfitahWty of the gttblib sectbf Batiks. These htehttife augmentation ol their capital, higher coupon rates on Government Securities, higher return on cash balances maintained With RBI. Banks have been advised by RBI to drafcr up action plans with a view to Igjjpiny* ing their operational efficiency. Banks hav? also been exhorted to take specmS measures lb niaifatairi tneir viability and profitability By fillani 6f effective business planning and uSve-topnient. Besides, "batiks have taf&h certain measures for ennaneifif $B-ductivity and for effecting ecbn&hy th expenditure e$c.

Resource Ti-aaslEfers by Finahce Coffl-niissions to Kerala

1064. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister 6£ FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government "are aware that while the Seventh Finance Commission had allocated to Kerala 3.70 per cent of the total resource transfer, the Eighth Fiinance Commission reduced it to 3.27 per cent and the the Ninth Finahce Commission has further reduced it to 301 per cent thereby handing but a raw deal to the State of Kerala;

(b) if so, what corrective steps are being taken in this regard;

(c) whether his Ministry has received any memorandum from Kerala in this connection; and

. (d) if so, what action has been taken thereon?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI); (a) In percentage ' terms, the share of Kerala in the total resource transfer was 3.70 i>er cent, 3.27 per cent arid 3.25 per cent respectively under the iefcorhmehda-tions of the Seventh Eighth and Ninth Finance ItJomifiissiohs. The